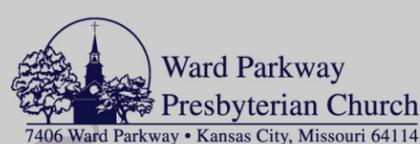


## A Chance to help Neighbors in Need

For the months of August and September, we will collect non-perishable food, school supplies, household supplies and personal hygiene items for the benefit of Phoenix Family Housing and the Kansas City Urban Youth Center. Catie Liepsner Ebert works with these agencies that serve at-risk children and youth. Please place your donations in the barrel in the narthex.



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## Serving Our Community



**Cross-Lines Thrift Store Volunteer Days**  
Saturday, September 8 and October 6  
a group from church plans to volunteer at the Thrift Store (628 S. Pyle ST, KCKS) from 9 a.m. to noon. If interested, please contact Jane Coleman, on the Outreach Committee, at (816) 361-3030. The Thrift Store helps low-income families buy needed items (furniture, dishes, clothing, and appliances) at minimal costs. If you have small items to donate, the team can take them with us.



# Ward Press

Glorify God & Grow Disciples & Go Serve

September 2012

## Reflections from Pastor Connie

Dear Ward Parkway Family,

One of the reasons I love our church so much is that you genuinely love and esteem children and families. This is why we have a preschool and this is why so many of you turn out to make Vacation Bible School a God-honoring event. Under the loving and capable leadership of Lynne Crossette, with the help of many others, we have cared for our children through our Sunday morning Children's Church program, which meets after Children's Time during our Sunday morning worship service.

Many of us sense God leading us to expand our ministry to children and families. In July, the Acts 16:5 Team met with parents of elementary school aged children in to listen to their hopes and dreams for their children in the church. The message of these parents to us was loud, clear and consistent. They deeply desire for their children to participate fully in the life of our church. They want them to learn more of God, to participate more in worship and to have more opportunities to serve God in our community. Our church is greatly blessed to have such committed parents, grandparents and children. They may be few in number, but they are great in vision, purpose and hope for the future of our congregation.

In response to this, we are stepping out in faith to expand our ministry to children. Beginning September 9<sup>th</sup>, we will reestablish our children's Christian Education hour at 9:30 each Sunday morning. The class will include all of our elementary school aged children in a single classroom with two teachers each Sunday. At the same time, we will discontinue Children's Church for the children who are old enough to stay in church. The younger children will still have the option to attend Children's Church after Children's Time with Jessica Goetz in the Nursery. In addition, monthly Sunday evening gatherings and service projects are in the works for our children.

Just as the Israelites had to wade into the water and get their feet wet before the Red Sea parted, so we wade out into this new mission in faith, trusting in God's provision. Please keep our children and their leaders in prayer and join us in praying that the Lord will bring more children and families to our church as we reach out to our community in love.

In Christ's love  
Connie

**Sunday Worship,  
10:30am  
Christian Education,  
9:30 am**

### Church Staff

Connie Happell, Pastor

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Ruth Meyers-Melching, Accountant

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#### Elders

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**At Large:** Bob Liepsner, Diana Justus

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Karen Wiederaenders

**Presbytery Commissioner &**

**Communicator:** Dorothy Clarke

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Jane Coleman,

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Ann Butler & and Janet North

#### Trustees

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## Joys and Concerns



**“Devote yourselves to prayer,  
being watchful and thankful”**

**\*Prayers for healing for Pat Wiederaenders, Steve Nelson, Jim Kurtz, Dorothy Clarke, Carol Sandels (Martha Nell Guisinger’s daughter), Jennifer Almager, Natalie Fleischaker and their families.**

**\*Prayers for those who are home bound and often not able to join us at church.**

**\*Prayers for God’s blessing on our Confirmation Class, Jace Smith and Katie Crossette.**

**\*Prayers for God’s guidance for our Session, Deacons and the Acts 16:5 Team.**

**\*Prayers for our college students:**

**Barnett Rucker, Hans Guthrie, Thomas Lusk, Rachel Lusk, Alex Happell, Brian Happell and Bryce Lochmann**

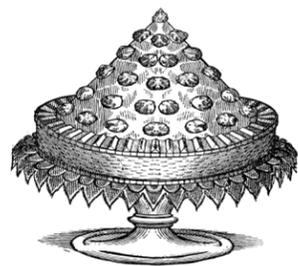
**\*Prayers for our preschool directors, teachers, children and parents as they begin a new school year.**

**\*Prayers for our children, parents and teachers as we begin a 9:30 Sunday School class and Sunday evening programs.**

**\*Prayers for God’s guidance and help for our city ,our country and our world.**

**\*Prayers for missionaries Todd and Julie Hendry and their children as they serve the Lord in Brazil.**

## Happy Birthday!



**Kathy Montgomery- September 8  
Karl Wiederaenders- September 14  
Carol Scott- September 17  
Jane Coleman- September 21  
Thelma Haynes- September 25  
Wade Boles- September 30**

## Morning Devotional

### Quiet Waters

*Follow Jesus to the banks of quiet waters. Listen there to hear the still small voice that murmurs in a rippling sigh.*

*Watch as sparkling, flowing joys fill voids of hopelessness. Let the shrill demands of active daily life subside.*

*See, reflections of His image spill over every stone. Here you can’t hide*

*your pain and disappointment deep inside*

*towering, shaky shrines of busyness.*

*Toss your troubles into clear water’s tide.*

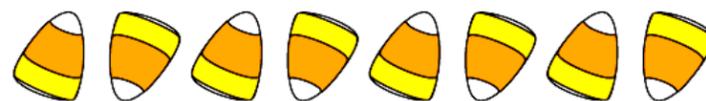
*Feel Jesus’ touch massage and smooth your weariness.*

*In silent rest, God’s gentle console*

*reveals His precious secrets to your soul.*



Vicki Ferris



## Trunk or Treat

**Wednesday, October 31 Children trick-or-treat by going from car trunk to car trunk on Trunk or Treat Street! Individuals or groups from the church and neighborhood will host and decorate their car trunks so that neighborhood families can enjoy Halloween fun in a safe, family-friendly festival atmosphere with food, treats and games!**

**For more information,  
contact Ashlea at 816-516-7939.**

## Session Update June

**Deacon’s Report. The Deacons are very active in ministering to our church family. Deacons responded in many ways during two recent funeral and memorial services. 16 people have volunteered to help the Deacons in these ministry opportunities.**

**Christian Education Planning for Vacation Bible School is well under way. The curriculum is Operation Overboard from Cokesbury.**

**Outreach. A banner advertising VBS has been printed and will be installed. Information about VBS will be posted on local neighborhood association Facebook pages. Bryce Lochmann will build a frame to support the banners. The Paul Mesner Puppets production, Georgette & the Dragon, is scheduled for Thursday, September 27th at 7:00 pm.**

**Fellowship. A fellowship event is scheduled for this Sunday, June 24 themed, Milestone Memories. Vacation Bible School will be the fellowship event for July.**

**Operations. There was significant expenditure to repair the air conditioning unit in the South building.**

**Ground Concerns. One of our neighbors has complained about the condition of our grounds. We plan to address this situation in a way that supports our overall landscaping plan when planting conditions are more favorable in the fall.**

**Pastor’s Report. Each ministry team is challenged to contemplate how we are implementing our new vision statement – Glorify God. Grow Disciples. Go Serve. Jim Durig volunteered to lead the Nominating Committee. Connie will be on vacation August 21 – 27 to take Brian to college in North Carolina. Larry Satorius will fill the pulpit on August 26. The Committal Service for Eloise Swalwell was held on, June 19, 2012.**

## † Christian Education 9:30-10:25 on Sundays

### **\*Adult Bible Study Room 2**

The current study is based on Dr. David Jeremiah’s book Living with Confidence in a Chaotic World: What in the World Is Going On? This study brings a message of hope and confidence from the priceless counsel of the Word of God. Dr. Jeremiah answers our most urgent questions on staying connected, staying centered, staying consistent, staying committed and staying convinced. The study shows us that the power and love of Almighty God, we can live with confidence in this age of turmoil.

All are welcome to join this small group study of the bible.

Leaders: Mike Montgomery, Bill Iler , Karen Wiederaenders and Kathy Montgomery

### **\*Holy Grounds Gathering in Holy Grounds**

Join us for casual coffee and conversation about a different passage of scripture each week.

Leader: Connie Happell

### **\*Children's Christian Education in Room 4**

Elementary school aged children gather to learn God’s word and ways.

Leaders: Lynne Crossette, Susan Stewart,  
Rosemary McDanel, Jim Fletcher and  
Kathy Montgomery.